



Brownfields 2006 Grant Fact Sheet

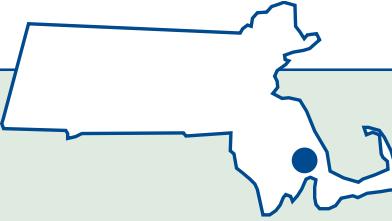
Carver, MA

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The Town of Carver was selected to receive a brownfields cleanup grant. Located in a 40-square-mile area in southeast Massachusetts between Boston and Cape Cod, Carver (population 11,163) is a primarily rural, agricultural town with an economy that is based heavily on the cranberry industry. A downturn in that industry has caused many growers to sell their land in this highly desirable, easily accessible part of the state. This development has increased the town's population and the resulting financial and environmental pressures. As the population has grown, the town's greatest concern is protecting its water resources. Carver does not have a sewer system and is located over the Plymouth-Carver Sole Source Aquifer. There are 15 active contaminated sites, many of them former landfills, that threaten public health, the environment,



Cleanup Grant

New
2006

\$200,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the Town of Carver for a brownfields cleanup grant. Petroleum grant funds will be used to clean up soil and groundwater contaminated by petroleum hydrocarbons at the 99 Main Street site. Grant funds will be used to develop cleanup plans, install groundwater monitoring wells, create a treatment injection system, monitor groundwater, and conduct community involvement activities.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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Grant Recipient: Town of Carver, MA

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The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

and the town's aquifer. The 99 Main Street site targeted for cleanup was used as an oil and gas facility and later as a truck repair operation. It was abandoned in 1988. The soil and groundwater at this 6.3-acre site are contaminated with petroleum hydrocarbons. Cleanup of the site will eliminate the existing threat to human health and the environment in the immediate area and the potential threat to neighboring cranberry-growing operations. Once it is cleaned up, the town plans to redevelop the site for a new fire and police complex. This revitalization is expected to help Carver protect its groundwater and transform a prominent, abandoned eyesore in the town center into an essential community facility.